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SUBJ: W/W ARREST: THOMAS HIDEYASU NAKADA

REF: COTONOU 0636

1. NAKADA AND SWEDISH CITIZEN, KENNET KARLSSON, WHO
ARRESTED WITH HIM, REMAIN IN JAIL. CONSUL AND/OR VICE
CONSUL HAVE ATTEMPTED TO SEE RESPONSIBLE OFFICIALS TO
PUSH CASE AN AVERAGE OF OVER TWO TIMES DAILY SINCE ARREST,
SOMETIMES WAITING HOURS IN EFFORT TO GET THROUGH.
SWEDISH DIPLOMATS FROM LAGOS TWICE ASSISTED IN EFFORT.

2. VARIOUS POLICE OFFICERS HAVE TOLD US THAT
INVESTIGATION ESTABLISHED THAT PRISONERS ARE TOURISTS AND
HAVE NOT COMMITTED ANY CRIME, AND THAT DIRECTOR OF STATE
POLICE ONLY ONE WHO CAN RELEASE THEM. ON 16 APRIL CONSUL
FINALLY HAD AUDIENCE WITH DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF STATE POLICE,
WHO REITERATED THAT PRISONERS ARE INNOCENT, BUT ADDED THAT
ONLY MINISTER OF INTERIOR PERSONALLY NOW HAS AUTHORITY
TO RELEASE PRISONERS AND THAT DOSSIERS ON CASE SENT TO
HIS OFFICE. FURTHER ATTEMPTS TO REACH MINISTER ON 16
APRIL FAILED.

3. ON 18 APRIL CONSUL MET DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL

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OF INTERIOR MINISTRY, WHO SYMPATHETIC AND PROMISED TO
BRING CASE TO IMMEDIATE ATTENTION OF MINISTER. AS
CONSUL LEAVING, HE SAW DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL TAKING
EMBASSY'S DIPLOMATIC NOTE IN TO MINISTER'S OFFICE. ON
MORNING OF 19 APRIL CONSUL TRIED TO FOLLOW UP, AND WAS TOLD
THAT NO SENIOR OFFICIALS WERE IN. WE CONTINUING TO
PUSH.

4. PRISONERS REMAIN IN GOOD HEALTH, BUT GETTING DISCOURAGED AT LONG DELAYS. CONSUL AND CONSUL'S SECRETARY PROVIDING THREE MEALS A DAY, DRINKS, ANTI-MALARIA PILLS, AND READING MATERIALS TO PRISONERS, AT OWN EXPENSE. EACH TIME MEALS DELIVERED BY CONSUL, HE HAS OPPORTUNITY TO TALK WITH PRISONERS. OTHER THAN FOR INORDINATE DELAY IN SECURING RELEASE, PRISONERS BEING WELL-TREATED.
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